AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

Serial No. 08/720,373 Atty Docket: 491.003US1

Accordingly, applicant requests that the specification and claims of the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 10, line 1, please change "Figure 9" to --Figure 9A--

Page 10, line 5, please insert -- Figure 9B is a continuation of the flow diagram of Figure

C₁ 9A;--

Page 27, line 20, please change "figure 9," to --Figures 9A and 9B,--

Page 27, line 22, please change "figure 9," to --Figures 9A and 9B,--

Page 28, line 20, please change "Figure 9" to --Figures 9A and 9B--

Page 29, line 15, please change "Figures 9 and 10" to --Figures 9A, 9B, and 10--

Page 38, line 16, please change "Figures 5 or 9" to --Figures 5 or 9A-- and

Page 39, line 13, please change "Figures 5 or 9" to --Figures 5 or 9A--.

IN THE CLAIMS

(AMENDED) A data processing method comprising [the steps of]:

receiving recognition data and corresponding audio data from a speech recognition engine, said recognition data including recognised characters and audio identifiers identifying audio components corresponding to text components in the recognised text;

storing the audio data;

inputting the recognised characters to a processor for the processing of the characters to at least one of replace, insert move and position the characters to form a processed character string;

forming link data linking the audio identifiers to the character component positions in the characters and updating said link data after processing to maintain the link between the audio identifiers and the character component positions in the processed character string;

displaying the characters input to the processor;

selecting displayed characters for audio playback, whereby said link data identifies any selected audio components, if present, which are linked to the selected characters;

playing back the selected audio components in the order of the character component

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